



CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Northern California's Stake

Unlike much of California, the northern third of the state supplies water to -- rather than, diverting water from -- the Delta.

Northerners have an important stake in that water, requiring plentiful groundwater and adequate river flows to support their homes, farms, and industries. Time and again, they have urged CALFED to recognize their interests in designing the Bay-Delta solution. And CALFED has listened. Just a few of the ways the north could benefit from a Bay-Delta solution:

Watershed Management

Watershed management is included in each of the three alternative Bay-Delta solutions as a means of improving water quality. Watershed management will also be investigated for the potential to improve overall ecosystem health and increase water yield.

Ecosystem Restoration

Ecosystem restoration along the northern Sacramento River appears in all three alternatives. Restoration could include set-back levees from Verona to Collinsville and meander belts north of Colusa, among many other activities.

Upstream Storage

Upstream storage opportunities are being investigated in every solution alternative.

Balance Between Delta Water Supply and Demand

Balance between Delta water supply and demand is one aim of this Program. While CALFED will not solve California's water supply problem, the Program seeks a balanced, fair way to reduce the mismatch between what water users need from the Delta and what the Delta can provide. The Program is also expected to increase the opportunities for regions to meet their own water supply needs. Through equitable, thoughtful long-range planning, the Bay-Delta solution should reduce the possibility of future water supply crises and ad hoc efforts to redistribute water, clearly a benefit for the communities where water originates.

The State's Economic Future

The State's economic future will be strengthened by solving the critical water problems involving the Bay-Delta. From northern farms to southern cities, every sector of the state will benefit from a strong and stable economy.